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My dear Tom

You'll rejoice with me at my
good news - The Queen has given
me the consulship at Rome - I
have just received the official
letter from Lord John Russell
also that of the late Baron
Bunsen which I am permitted to
publish - It bears testimony to my
talent for the office
Your loving brother
Joe

Now my beloved brother I must close & soon I
will write you again when I send dispatches
I trust you are able tho' I guess the weather has
been very unfavorable - here it has been like
winter until now & I shall get rid of a cough
& also asthma, all occasioned by the cold & damp.

What wondrous things may occur before I write
again "for a day is like unto a hundred years"

My love to your excellent wife & your dear daughter
& son whom I regard as my children. - My dear
Nelly I have in mind for next winter tho' this
is between our own dear selves for you & I

are loving brothers, similar in nature & in
circumstances & now I shall be trying to
hear that you have also a new "turn up" as
now it is your turn - you know how we laughed
at these things & yet at last in poor weather
Joe it is realized, really there is nothing but
what we may hope for, a kind help as well
as mystery in Providence as regards our wants.

My sole care is my dear dear wife's health
for she has too much upon her hands now I am
absent & I regret that I did not oblige her to
come with me, but the approaching marriage

of my daughter made it impossible at present
I really I am to get to the bottom of the paper
for I could go on chatting with a beloved brother
till dark & fancy myself at last getting into another
red cap's ombrage - Your loving brother Joe